

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following Paragraph at page 4, line 16:

el -- Fig. 5 illustrates a laser arrangement embodying the present invention.--

Please insert the following Paragraph at page 5, after line 36:

er --An alternative embodiment of the present invention is shown in Fig. 5. In that embodiment, a laser arrangement 500 comprises a plurality of distributed feedback regions 502, 504 connected in series. One saturable absorption region 506 and one feedback loop 508 are shared between the distributed feedback regions 502, 504 to form the laser arrangement 500.--